



May 15, 2012

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

First, I want you to know that I have very much appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity of serving as New York State Democratic Committee Chairman for the last two years and eight months. To have served during your election and then during your first seventeen months in office has been particularly gratifying. It has certainly been a momentous beginning to what I am sure will continue to be an extraordinarily successful tenure as our Governor.

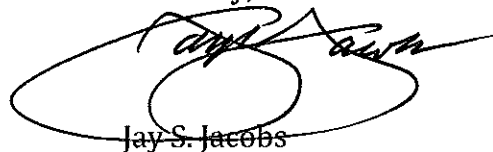
As we have previously discussed, I had not planned on serving another term as State Chair. With my current term due to expire this coming September, which would fall in the midst of what will surely be a hotly contested Presidential Election, I have decided that you, the Party and our candidates would best be served by my effecting an earlier resignation. This would allow for a smoother transition and place the Party in a position of stability and strength going into this fall's robust election cycle.

Accordingly, I wanted you to know that I have submitted my resignation, effective on the date of the next State Committee Meeting, May 24th, 2012, to our State Party Secretary, Peter Stein.

As you have often reminded me, I am the only County Chair who supported you in each of your three statewide runs for office – and that was not always easy – but it was worth it! I have enjoyed working with you and the rest of the team.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Jay S. Jacobs